

REMARKS

Claims 18-25 and 41-47 are now pending in the application. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 18-25, 42 and 44-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,054,725 (Liedenbaum). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Liedenbaum is directed generally to an organic electroluminescent device. The electroluminescent device includes an electroluminescent element, i.e., emitter layer 15, as well as electrodes for driving the element. However, Liedenbaum does not teach or suggest a transistor for driving the electroluminescent element 5. For instance, emitter layer 15 in combination with electrodes 3A, 3B, 16 does not form a transistor as asserted by the Examiner. Moreover, Liedenbaum does not teach or suggest a transistor having an active layer made of an organic material as recited in Applicant's claimed invention.

Applicant's invention is also directed to an organic electroluminescent device. Specifically, Claim 18 recites "an organic thin-film transistor including at least an active layer made of an organic material" and "an organic electroluminescent element driven by the organic thin-film transistor". Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 18, along with claims depending therefrom, defines patentable subject matter over

Liedenbaum. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

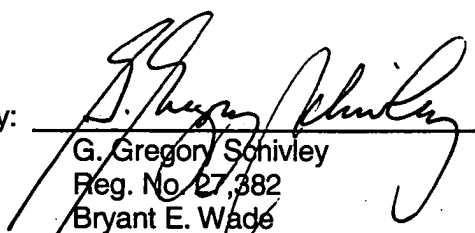
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